



SENATORS MAKE KICK

Object to Practice of Executive Department.

DICTATION INTOLERABLE

Practice of Sending Bills Direct to the Senate for Passage.

SHOULD STOP SAY SOLONS

Communication From Secretary Garfield Regarding Indian Relief Bill Arouses the Ire of the Upper House and Much Pow-wow is Result.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The practice of certain of the executive departments in sending bills to the Senate for passage, which bills have been referred directly to committees, was discussed in the Senate today. Carter of Montana, presenting a list of such instances, Senator Aldrich said no matter how old the practice it should be stopped, that the executive departments had no right to seek legislation in such a direct manner. Heyburn, of Idaho, said the recommendation by Secretary Garfield that a certain Indian relief bill, "Be enacted in a law by the Senate and House of Representatives," was peculiarly objectionable because he assumed a form of communication not enjoyed by Senators themselves except by consent of the Senate. Lodge said such bills found their way into printing without any readings at all, hence Senators were deprived of the right to object to such bills. Aldrich said it is "intolerable to suppose we are here to receive dictation from anybody as to what measures we shall or shall not enact into laws." He moved that the Secretary of the Interior's communication of yesterday be referred to the committee on rules, with Heyburn's motion to promptly report as to what action should be taken by the Senate to correct practices of direct communication by department heads. The motion prevailed.

The Senate adopted the resolutions presented by the Committee on Finance to embody the Culberson and Clay resolutions into one act.

Shortly before the adjournment of the Senate today Senator William F. Fry, of Maine, was inducted into the office as president pro tem of that body.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The House was in session eight minutes today. Cannon appointed the committees on rules and mileage.

ENGINE EXPLODES.

Fireman is Killed and Brakeman Seriously Injured.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 12.—A Miner despatch from Bozeman states that in the explosion of the engine of a Northern Pacific freight train last night, Fireman John Welsh was instantly killed and Head Brakeman Venyo seriously injured. Venyo was hurled a hundred feet from the engine and is probably fatally hurt. The fireman's body was thrown 200 feet. Engineer Walsh escaped with a few scratches, his side of the boiler remaining intact.

KETCHEL-THOMAS MILL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Stanley Ketchel, of Montana, was awarded the decision over Joe Thomas of this city at the end of the twentieth round. It was a slashing go from start to finish.

"CANNED MUSIC."

Composers Will go to Washington to Protest Against Bill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—What John Philip Sousa once called "canned music" will again be a subject for discussion in Congress this year. A delegation of composers will go to Washington next week to protest against the copyright bill introduced the other day by Congressman Courrier. If this bill becomes a law the use of music for phonographic records and perforated rolls for mechanical piano players will not be considered an infringement of copyright. Composers declare that the enactment of this law would be a direct blow to the art, as it will rob a composer of the right to the product of his own brain. The delegation which will go to Washington will include Victor Herbert, John Philip Sousa, John Edward A. Baldwin Sloan, Henry Blossom, George Hobart and Glen Macdonough.

CASHTER SUICIDES.

Bank Makes Good Showing and no Reason Apparent for Deed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Inter-Ocean from Kankakee, says: R. P. Easton, 40 years old, cashier of the State Bank of Wever, a small town 18 miles from this city, committed suicide in his bank last night by shooting himself in the head.

Easton was well and favorably known. He had been cashier of the bank since its organization, and was one of its stockholders. He was married and leaves a widow and two children.

When the recent call for the condition of all the state banks in Illinois was made, Easton's bank made one of the best reports that was sent out from this section of the state. The report showed the institution to be in excellent condition.

The bank is capitalized at \$25,000 and carries deposits of \$150,000.

FINAL WORD GIVEN

Signal Flashed From Vessels in Battleship Fleet.

WILL START MONDAY MORNING

Powerful Armor Clads of American Navy Ready for Their Projected Cruise to Western Seas—President Completes Plans for Review of Fleet.

OLD POINT COMFORT, Va., Dec. 12.

—The final word "Ready" was flashed from every vessel in the battleship fleet today. This signal meant that the 10 or more powerful armor clads of the American navy were ready to start Monday on the projected cruise to the Western seas, and that they are ready to go anywhere in the twin hemispheres of the world and to do any work. Everything possible has been done to prepare them for any task. If the ships were destined for immediate conflict little more could be done to make them ready for the fray. Plans for the review of the fleet by the President, Monday morning are completed. After the reception of the flag and commanding officers by the President, the fleet will pass in review and put to sea at 10 o'clock.

POSSE AFTER DESPERADOES.

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—The citizens posse, which is in pursuit of the robbers who dynamited the safe of J. H. McDonald & Co., at Coulee, in the vicinity of Adrain, but is not caught up with the desperadoes.

ADAMS TO COLORADO.

SPOKANE, Dec. 12.—Judge Wood, of Kootenai County, Idaho district court, has called a special term of court for December 22, when it is expected the matter of releasing Steve Adams, so he can be taken to Colorado, will be taken up.

FUNSTON AT GOLDFIELD

Arrival of General Helps Situation.

REPORTS TO PRESIDENT

Has Conference With the Mine Owners the Governor and Union Officials.

CONVINCED TROOPS NEEDED

Declares Martial Law Should be Last Resort—Union Officials Claim Everything Will be Done to Prevent Trouble of Any Kind.

GOLDFIELD, Dec. 12.—The first day of the attempt to re-open mines in Goldfield, without the aid of Western Federation of Miners, passed with not a single instance of attempted violence or disorder in the camp. Unarmed pickets approached the mines as closely as the armed guards would permit, and succeeded in inducing a number who had signed the agreement to return to work, to violate that agreement and leave the mines. Funston arrived at noon and his coming seems to have helped the situation, greatly and strengthened the belief that the scenes of violence in other camps will not be repeated here.

It is stated tonight that the unionists have secured evidence to prosecute some of the mine operators under the Nevada statute which makes it a crime to require an employe to promise or agree not to become a member or remain a member of any labor organization. After the conferences today with Governor Sparks, Colonel Reynolds acting President Dowlen and Secretary Erb of the Goldfield Mineowners' Association today, and with President Mackinnon of the Goldfield Miners' Union tonight, Funston telegraphed his report to Washington. Funston said the report had no reference as to the duration of the stay of the troops.

"The regulars will be here at least until after the arrival of the labor commissioners from Washington," said Funston, "this means they will be here for another week."

"And I have no doubt they will remain much longer than that or at least a portion of the number of men now here will. I am hearing all sides of the question as to the necessity for the troops in Goldfield at this time, to preserve peace and order, and it is too soon after my arrival for me to have an opinion. My report tonight simply set forth my views on the situation as I have obtained it from people I have seen today."

"It must be understood I am not here to go into the merits of the dispute between the mineowners and miners. That is what the commissioners are coming from Washington for. They doubtless will go deeply into the merits of the grievances of both sides, but I am simply going to determine whether the continued presence of the troops or at least a part of them in Goldfield will prevent disorder, riot and bloodshed. I am convinced that the presence of the troops thus far has been a necessary precaution."

"Martial law should be the last resort and I will not advocate it until there has been some great violence committed and the local authorities have proved themselves unable to stop any outrages, such as destruction of life or valuable property. Either the President or the Governor of the State must declare martial law and in the event it is the Governor I shall consider that the regulars are at his service just as would

be the state militia, provided Nevada had such an institution. In fact, it is my idea the regulars are here to take the place of the state militia during the present crisis."

President Mackinnon stated he told Funston he and other officers of the miners' union would do all in their power to prevent trouble of any kind.

It is said 66 men renounced allegiance to the Western Federation and returned to work, but an investigation of the number at work for the Consolidated Company failed to disclose this number and it is known some were induced to return to the Union. The Nevada-California Power Company was able to keep its plant in full working order today and tonight.

STONED TO DEATH.

Financial Stringency Causes Death of Mining Man.

DENVER, Dec. 12.—A letter has reached here giving the details of the murder of William Robertson Boggs, one of the foremost metallurgists of the country and a former resident of this state. He was waylaid and stoned to death near Topia, Mexico, by a gang of miners in his employ on December 1. Because of the financial stringency, Boggs was unable to pay his men their wages and they angrily attacked and killed him. Fifteen men have been arrested for the murder and detectives are scouring the camp to locate all connected in any way with the crime. Boggs was at one time a professor of chemistry at Howard University, which is located in Alabama. He was born in Augusta, Me., and was 50 years old.

ROOSEVELT COMMENDED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The executive committee of the American Numismatic Society, of which Thomas L. Elder is chairman, has forwarded to President Roosevelt resolutions commending him for his action providing for "a better and more artistic coinage." The resolution commends the artistic effect of the new ten and twenty dollar gold pieces designed by St. Gaudens, but criticizes some of the details of the reproductions.

ORCHARD TESTIFIES

Re-Tells Story of Steunenberg Assassination.

HE SHOWS DEEP EMOTION

Told of Deliberate Preparation for the Crime of the Unsuccessful Attempt and Finally the Placing of the Fatal Bomb—Implicates Pettibone.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 12.—Showing signs of deep emotion Orchard in the Pettibone trial this afternoon told of the assassination of Steunenberg, giving minute details. He testified regarding the deliberate preparations for the crime, of his unsuccessful attempt to end the life of the Governor and finally of placing the bomb on the night of December 30, 1905. Direct examination will be concluded tomorrow after the recitation of his arrest, confinement in the state penitentiary and confession to Detective McParland. Orchard today told of his alleged attempts on the lives of Fred Bradley of San Francisco, Justice Gabbert, Justice Goodard and Governor Peabody of Denver, and plans which he said he made to kill Sherman Bell, Frank Hearne, David Moffitt and John Neville. Throughout the story he pictured Pettibone as his paymaster and in some of his attempted crimes he implicated the defendant as an active participant. Every detail of today's testimony was the same as given in the Haywood trial.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex., Dec. 12.—Acting Governor Sanchez commuted the death sentence of three Americans—Dr. C. S. Harle, William Mitchell and C. T. Richardson, convicted of murder, to 20 years in the penitentiary.

CURLY BOSS AN IMMUNE

Testimony of Ruef Badly Needed.

WANTS FULL IMMUNITY

Prosecutor Cannon Supply Missing Link Between Bribers and Grafters.

ACQUITTAL OF FORD REASON

Wily Hebrew Who Has Told Tales on His Subordinates Will be Let go Scot Free in Order That Heney May Not Fall Down.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—From the statement made by Assistant District Attorney Heney it is believed the prosecution is contemplating granting Abe Ruef immunity in order to successfully prosecute the bribery graft cases by getting the former political boss to take the stand and furnish the link between Supervisor James L. Gallagher and the public service corporations, who through Ruef are alleged to have done the bribing. The acquittal of Ford and the reason assigned by the jury that the link is missing in the evidence has again forced upon the prosecution the importance of Ruef's testimony. The latter it is said has held out for full immunity which Heney has refused to grant, but Heney now says if the public wants Ruef's testimony under those terms it may be necessary to put him on the stand.

"Will you grant his demands for full immunity and place Ruef on the stand in the trial of Patrick Calhoun," Heney was asked.

"I am not saying what I will do; I am playing poker," was the reply of the prosecutor.

Gallagher Will Be Present.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Former Supervisor Gallagher an important witness in the bribery graft cases, has telegraphed Heney from Chicago he will be here next Tuesday night.

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth Considered Out of Danger.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The operation on Mrs. Longworth for appendicitis was successful in every respect according to her physicians. Mrs. Longworth emerged from the influence of the anesthetic a very short time after exchanging a few words with her aunt, Mrs. Cowles, and with her husband, and then fell into a natural sleep lasting two hours. Her condition was such that the President felt little apprehension and this afternoon played tennis.

DENVER GETS CONVENTION.

Democrats Will Hold National Meeting on July 7, 1908.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—After deciding to hold the next Democratic National convention at Denver and fixing the date on July 7, 1908, the Democratic National Convention late today entered upon a spirited debate as to the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver than was actually needed to pay the convention expenses. The resolution of Representative Clayton of Alabama declining money not actually needed for the convention was laid on the table. On the first ballot Denver received 22 votes against 17 for Louisville, five for Chicago and one for St. Paul.

REWARD FOR ASSASSINATION.

Bootleggers Offer Blood Money for Officer's Head.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Leupp in his annual report says that his hope that the sale of intoxicating liquors to Indians would be greatly disturbed by the employment of special officers, that the fund appropriated for the suppression of the liquor traffic, has been realized beyond all expectations.

Two of Special Agent Johnson's men and one posse man have been killed in skirmishes with bootleggers and ten violators of the liquor laws have met a like fate. Mr. Johnson has had several narrow escapes himself and during a good part of the time has worked in the face of a reward of \$3,000 offered by outlaws for his assassination.

WITHDRAWS BRISTOL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The President has formally withdrawn the nomination of William C. Bristol, as district attorney for Oregon.

BURNED TO DEATH.

DURANGO, Colo., Dec. 12.—Three small children of Antonio Montoya were burned to death in their home near Ignacio, yesterday. The fire resulted from a defective chimney, while the parents were milking cows. When they returned they were unable to enter the house, which was a mass of flames.

OIL MAIN BREAKS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Peoria, Ill., says:

One of the oil mains of the Prairie Oil & Gas Company, which follows the Santa Fe Railroad right-of-way from Kansas City to Chicago and thence to Whiting, Indiana, broke yesterday near Chillicothe, and thousands of gallons of oil ran away. Near the scene of the break a lake of oil was formed and the near-by farmers carried it off in buckets and barrels.

SHADY TRANSACTION

Alleged Frauds in Purchases of Indian Lands.

CORRUPT MEXICAN OFFICIALS

Money for Purchase of Lands Placed in Banks to Credit of Indians and Then Drawn Out on Forged Checks—Indian Women Were Outrageously Insulted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The subcommittee of the Senate committee on Indian Affairs consisting of Senators Teller, Curtis and La Follette which investigated the alleged frauds in the purchases of Kickapoo Indian lands located in Oklahoma held a meeting yesterday and agreed upon the report that would be submitted to the Senate. The report will disclose a rather startling series of alleged shady transactions that went on near the Mexican border where a number of the Kickapoos were living when the law was passed allowing them to dispose of their lands in Oklahoma and where some of them were taken by white men. The subcommittee went to Eagle Pass, Texas, in November, and examined a large number of Indian and white witnesses. The reports will show that facts were developed which proved conclusively that certain parties of men had formed partnerships and raised capital with the express view of cheating the Indians out of their lands. In this connection the reports will mention certain names and charge that there were, through fraudulent practices, obtained at an expense of not over \$20,000 lands aggregating in value \$250,000. Some of the men named the report will say, were not actively at work among the Indians, but they were found to have furnished funds for the alleged corrupt